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Dry Goods Notions Millinery

Our Dress Goods Department is running over with desirable stuff at popular prices and variety, quality and general excellence are found at this counter in abundance.

There is a complete range of shades and patterns and we feel sure of pleasing you, if you will look over our stock.

Coats Coats Coats

For Ladies, Misses and Children.

Our sales in this department have exceeded our fondest expectations and every model is smart, new and attractive.

The styles are the latest; materials are of good weights and fine quaility; the tailoring is excellent; the trimmings effective, and last, but not least, the prices are very moderate.

You cannot afford to buy without seeing our line.

FURS FURS FURS

We carry a line direct from the manufacturer, bought early; by reason of which we feel sure we can save you at least 25 per cent. off present prices.

For the Christmas Shoppers

We are prepared to serve your needs with a variety of things for useful gifts.

HANDKERCHIEFS, GLOVES, NECKWEAR, HOSIERY, NAPKINS, TOWELS, TABLE LINEN, SHAMS, SCARFS, TABLE COVERS, WHITE SPREADS, BLANKETS AND COMFORTS.

DOLLS DOLLS DOLLS

For our your friends we have added a line of dolls, the finest ever shown in Chestertown, ranging in price from 5 cts. to $4.00.

Bring your little girl in, she will enjoy looking at them

Arlington L. Sparks, Chestertown, Md.

Off Santa Claus' Beat

I S'POSE there is a Santa Claus
That brings them pretty toys
An' candy an' mince pies an' things
To lots o' little boys.
But where we live down here, I guess,
Is sort o' off his beat.
I'm pretty certain, anyway,
He never found our street.

He goes around to all the stores
An' fills 'em full o' things
Like sleds an' skates an' railroad cars,
The kind he always brings,
An' then he seems to lose the way
To our house. Ain't it queer
That all the times he's come to town
He's never been down here?



HE GOES AROUND TO ALL THE STORES AN FILLS 'EM FULL O' THINGS.

I asked my mother if I might
Go wait for him uptown
An' tell him that the boys I know
Invites him to come down,
But she just sort o' chokes an' coughs,
An' then she looks away
An' says, "He'll find us out, I guess,
An' visit us some day."

An' yet I've been a-waitin' here
So long that I don't b'lieve
I'll ever see him come at all
On any Christmas eve.
I'm goin' to ask a p'liceman if
Santa he should meet
He'll just go up an' speak to him
An' point him out our street.

—New York American.

Christmas Cakes.

Little cakes that will please the children either at the table or on the Christmas tree are made as follows: Bake the cakes in little patty or muffin pans and frost the tops with a white icing. Dip a small new paint brush in melted chocolate and draw a face on each. Make some crying and others laughing, the different expressions being made by the curve of the mouth line. The merest outline will be sufficient. Cut a circle of tissue paper of white or any other color liked two inches larger than the cake, pink the edge with scissors and run a thread round one inch from the edge. Put a cake in the paper, draw up the thread, and a cunning little cap is formed. The pleasure of small children will well repay the trouble of making these little cake babies.—Pittsburg Press.

First Aid to Santa Claus.

A clever idea for a Christmas night party is to have the gifts come in on a sled piled high and strapped on and the sled drawn by two lads dubbed Santa Claus' assistants. The place cards at the supper which follows the distribution of the gifts should be tiny sleds made from cardboard and dipped in mucilage, then in diamond dust, the rope to be of silver cord and each sled drawn by a miniature Santa Claus about three inches high.

The Children's Festival.

"And a little child shall lead them." The entire meaning of the festival of Christmas is contained in these words. It is the festival of the children because on this day God, the Son, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, took upon him human nature in the shape of a helpless and beautiful child. —Rev. John Talbott Smith, LL. D., President Catholic Summer School of America.

No More Wanted.

"Merry Christmas, old man! And many more like it."

The man addressed turns a baleful, sleepless eye upon the speaker and replies:

"Many more like it! Say, you hadn't heard that twins came to our house last night, had you?"—Judge.

"Jessie Christmas!"

Little Jessie woke up on Christmas morning and called to her four-year-old sister Mary:

"Merry Christmas!"

"Jessie Christmas!" promptly answered the baby.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of

REPORT —OF— THE AUDITING COMMITTEE FOR KENT COUNTY.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND:

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January, 1904, we having been appointed Auditors for Kent County, beg leave to state that we have examined the books, accounts, vouches and papers of the offices of County Commissioners, County Treasurer, Board of School Commissioners and Trustees of Almshouse and find

EXHIBIT A—

The County Commissioners closed the year, June 6th, levying		$96,095 47
To Provide for Certificates	$51,878 09	
Cash Levy	41,136 50	
Surplus	3,080 88	
		$96,095 47

EXHIBIT B—

We Show the Account of Treasurer charging him with		$95,966 59
Crediting	$92,640 39	
Balance in Bank	3,326 20	
		$95,966 59

EXHIBIT C—

We show Bank Statement with balance on hand.....$ 49

EXHIBIT D—

Shows Bonds outstanding and not due.....$28,000 00

EXHIBIT E—

Shows Almshouse Account with an unaccounted for amount of.....$ 2 35

EXHIBIT F—

Shows Statement of Board of School Commissioners.

EXHIBIT G—

Shows actual expenses of County for year ending June 6th, 1906.

We respectfully request your Board to give a closer scrutiny of bills passed the first part of your fiscal year so as to avoid the possibility of violation of Section 5, Chapter 675 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed 1904.

We regret to show a balance unaccounted for in Almshouse Exhibit and must ask that accurate minutes and accounts be kept, as at present these are in much confusion.

We wish to compliment the Clerk of your Board and the Secretary and Treasurer of School Commissioners upon the neatness and accuracy of their work.

WILBUR ELIASON,
JAMES S. HARRIS,
H. C. WILLIS, } AUDITING COMMITTEE.

EXHIBIT A

SHOWING FINANCIAL CONDITION OF KENT COUNTY FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 6, 1906.

Assets, real and personal	$89,238 40	By certificates provided for	$51,878 09
do. special tax	105 00	do. cash levied	41,136 50
do. banks and Corporations	2,928 11	do. surplus	3,080 88
do. bonds, special tax	69 45		
do. P. W. & B	405 56		
do. Treasurer's balance	3,326 20		
do. bank balance	22 75		
Total	$96,095 47	Total	$96,095 74

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EXHIBIT B

STATEMENT OF TREASURER'S OFFICE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 1ST, 1906.

To Balance	3,086 96	By Cash paid levy	$49,914 56
To Real and Personal	88,430 80	By Cash Levies	41,373 27
To Banks and Corporations	3,084 10	By Insolvencies	928 48
To P. W. & B. Railway Stock	405 56	By Equity	83 81
To Special Rate	105 00	By Insolveneys Allowed Treas	358 57
To M. E. Church error in taxes	1 02	Money refunded paid in error	13 70
To J. D. Lucas	13 00	Balance in hand in Bank	3,326 20
To Dempsy & Parr	12 70		
To I. J. Kever, sheriff	41 60		
To Mrs. M. A Wilson	23 00		
To Taxes in Equity	72 97		
To Conscience Money	125 00		
To J. J. Lockwood	49 53		
To Assessment not on Levy	101 10		
To Interest Collected	367 66		
To Interest on Sheriff's Collection	9 37		
To Due Sheriff	37 14		
Total	$95,966 59	Total	$95,966 59

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EXHIBIT C

STATEMENT OF FUNDS IN BANK FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 6TH, 1906.

To Balance on hand	$1,944 32	By Amount of Checks Paid	$2,782 65
To Deposits	838 82	By Cash in Bank	49
Total	$2,782 14	Total	$2,783 14
Balance	49		

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EXHIBIT D

STATEMENT OF ALL BONDS OUT-STANDING FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 1ST, 1906.

To Eighteen 5 per cent. School	$18,000 00
To Ten 4 Per Cent. Refunding	10,000 00

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EXHIBIT E

STATEMENT OF ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 4TH, 1906.

To Total from Commissioners	$3,464 68	By Expenditures	$4,142 35
To Total from Farm	741 64	By Bank Balance	61 62
		Amount unaccounted for	2 35
Total	$4,206 32	Total	$4,206 32
Amount to be accounted for	2 35		

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EXHIBIT F.

EXHIBIT OF ACCOUNTS OF BOARD OF COUNTY SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 1st, 1906.

RECEIPTS:		DISBURSEMENTS:	
Balance on hand July 31st 1905	$6,653 96	Rent	$141.36
State School Tax	16,180.30	Fuel	2,319.56
State Free School Fund	1,534.88	Repairs	1,704.03
Manual Training	1,200.00	Apparatus and Furniture	602.06
Free Book Fund	2,565.23	Teachers' Salaries	32,394.55
Received from Sale of Books	13.80	New Buildings	3,818.60
Check transferred from General Book Fund to Free Book Fund	100.00	Sanitary Costs	1,513.82
County School Tax	20,000.60	Incidentals	562.48
Tongers' Licenses	795.24	Manual Training	1,476.20
Sale of Old School House at Swan Creek	25.00	Office Expenses	207.66
By Amt paid in error by late Joseph Peterson	42.50	Salary of Superintendent	1,275.00
Check not presented	3.75	Salary of School Commissioners	300.00
Building Fund (County Tax)	3,000.00	Printing and Advertising	183.35
	$52,114.66	Check transferred to Free Book Fund	100.00
		Expenses of Institute and Expenses of State Association	170.48
		Attorney's Fees	50.00
		School Supplies	25.15
		Expended for Books, Freight, Hauling, etc	2,617.07
		Balance Cash in Banks	2,653.47
			$52,114.66

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EXHIBIT G.

SHOWING TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF KENT COUNTY FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 6, 1906.

CIRCUIT COURT:		
By Certificates	$1,444.01	
By Orders	1,731.28	
By Checks	912.86	
		$4,088.15
MAGISTRATES AND CONSTABLES:		
By Certificates	$1,445.08	
By Checks	99	
		1,446.07
ORPHANS' COURT:		
By Certificates		802.60
COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY:		
By Certificates	$2,877 19	
By Checks	31.59	
		2,908.78
PENSIONS:		
By Certificates		1,828.00
CHARITIES:		
By Certificates		149.00
HOSPITALS:		
By Certificates	$546.20	
By Orders	1,500.00	
		2,046.20
COURT HOUSE AND JAIL:		
By Certificates	$4,950.64	
By Checks	30.00	
		4,980.64
ALMSHOUSE:		
By Certificates	$2,139.65	
By Orders	1,146 37	
By Checks	255.74	
		3,541.76
PRINTING:		
By Certificates		2,480.96
TAXES IN ERROR:		
By Certificates	$1,019.40	
By Checks	8.95	
		1,028.35
TREASURER'S OFFICE:		
By Certificates	$152.51	
By Orders	1,500.00	
		1,652.51
KENT AND QUEEN ANNES COUNTY:		
By Certificates	$1,096.47	
By Checks	.50	
		1,096.97
INQUISITIONS:		
By Certificates		251.55
HEALTH OFFICE:		
By Certificates	$158.02	
By Orders	175.00	
By Checks	33.60	
		366.62
MISCELLANEOUS:		
By Certificates	$294.21	
By Certificates to Auditing Committee	483.50	
By Checks	101.56	
		879.27
ROADS AND BRIDGES:		
By Certificates	$30,259.10	
By Checks	1,406.36	
		31,665.46
JANITOR:		
By Orders		137.50
REGISTRATIONS AND ELECTIONS:		
By Orders		4,743.82
CHESTER RIVER BRIDGE REPAIRS:		
By Orders		386 59
GEN. BRIDGEKEEPERS:		
By Orders		178.75
CHESTER RIVER BRIDGEKEEPER:		
By Orders		124 96
CHESTERTOWN'S PROPORTION:		
By Order		2,000.00
MILLINGTON'S PROPORTION:		
By Order		200.00
GALENA'S PROPORTION:		
By Order		200.00
WATER RENTS:		
By Orders	$86.00	
By Checks	.50	
		86.50
SCHOOLS:		
By Order		23,000.00
BONDS:		
By Orders		1,000.00
INTEREST ON BONDS:		
By Orders		1,350.00
CLERK'S SALARY:		
By Order		893 00
Balances		120.00
STATE'S ATTORNEY:		
By Orders		900.00
FROM LEVY:		$96,034 01
Certificates	$51,878.09	
Cash orders	41,373 27	
Receipt	2,782.65	
	$96,034.01	

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